

TOWN TOPICS OF A WEEK

The Important Happenings of Punta Gorda and Vicinity Briefly Told

Hecker's buckwheat and pancake flour at H. W. Smith's. 5tf
J. L. Madden, of the Willow Pens section was in town last week.

Armour's Vegetole—the cooking fat—economical and best for cooking at H. W. Smith's. 1tf
Fred Colson, of Woodrow, was here over Sunday, the guest of his cousin, H. W. Smith, and family.
"Halco" coffee—a standard—best flavor and reasonable price at H. W. Smith's. 1tf

Mrs. Josephine Jones is at Lake Wales, spending a few weeks with her mother, who has been very ill.
George Yobst, of the Willow Pens section, brought a load of fine sweet potatoes to town Monday.

Mrs. J. E. Skipper, who is now living at Zolfo, enjoyed a visit Sunday from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sikes, and her sister, Miss Anna Mae Sikes.

Birthdays of three noted men occur this month. Lincoln's was yesterday, St. Valentine's will be tomorrow and Washington's on the 22nd.

A flurry of rain, Sunday afternoon, was followed by a drop in temperature, Monday morning, when the thermometer registered 42 degrees above.

J. C. Reagin, a young and progressive gentleman from Tennessee, has bought out Bates's bicycle shop and moved the equipments into the room on King street one door south of the southeast corner. See his advertisement in this paper.

Miss Mary Phinney's mission class of the Presbyterian Sunday school had a delightful meeting, last Friday evening, at "The Palms," the charming residence of Mrs. Mary K. Rankin on the bay front in Solana. The class is composed of sixteen bright and pretty girls.

Tampa Tribune, Friday:—John H. McQuaid, who has been spending some time at Wadestown, W. Va., has returned to Belmont, this state. In requesting the change of his address, Mr. McQuaid says: "Kindly change the address of The Tribune to me from Wadestown, W. Va., to Belmont, Fla. Back to the 'Land of Sunshine, Flowers and Opportunity.' Thank God. It would not do for me to express the contempt which I have held in relation to postal affairs for the last few years. I would have to be a Shakespeare, and then some."

New Florida syrup at H. W. Smith's. 5tf

County court is in session in Arcadia this week.

Miss Frances Warren made a business trip to Arcadia, Monday. "Aunt Jemima" pancake and buckwheat flour at H. W. Smith's. 5tf.

County commissioners meet in adjourned session Saturday, 15th inst.

Mayor Trabue, Attorney Chadman and John Sands visited Arcadia on business, Tuesday.

Harry Botts, head of the South Fish Co. of Fort Myers, a former cashier of the Punta Gorda State Bank, spent Monday here attending to business.

Painting and decorating—interior and exterior work. I have had years of experience and will give you honest service at right prices.—J. Harvey Miller. (adv.)

Calvin G. Page, Sunday night, went to Tampa, where he is serving on a jury in the federal court.—P. S.—He got excused and came home Tuesday night.

Mrs. R. M. Buckmaster of St. Cloud, arrived here Saturday, and was the guest of Mrs. Mary K. Rankin at her beautiful home, "The Palms," until Monday morning, when she returned home.

Ensign Harry V. Barrow, of New York city, now on furlough, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Benj. E. Perkins. Ensign Barrow was six years on the force of The Herald and his former associates in the office extended him a warm greeting. He left yesterday morning to return to New York.

Dr. R. A. Sublette, who, for a year past, has been the pastor of our Baptist church, preached his farewell sermon, Sunday, and left in his car Tuesday morning for Pine View, Ga., whither he has been called to the pastorate of the Baptist church there. Many of our people regret his leaving, for they had become warmly attached to him.

"Never get weary in well doing," is one of the slogans of the Rickenbach family, who have a large, lovely garden in the eastern part of town. Scarcely a week passes that they do not contribute something for the editor's dining table, and what they give is always of the best. Saturday, Mrs. Rickenbach sent to this office a large "bunch" each of carrots, turnips and lettuce, all of which were as fine as we have ever seen. Many thanks to her for her thoughtfulness and generosity.

Harry Robbins of Fort Myers, spent Sunday with home folks here.

D. J. Hobbs went to Lakeland, Sunday, and is engaged there on a big contract for plumbing.

Mrs. A. S. Marshall of Tampa, spent the latter days of last week here visiting her sister, Mrs. E. A. White.

Miss Sue Dotson went to Nocatee, Saturday evening, and spent Sunday there visiting her sister, Mrs. C. L. Smith.

Arcadia was brightened Saturday by a visit from Misses Margaret Minnehan and Thelma Johnson of Punta Gorda.

T. B. Patterson of Knox County, Ohio, Mayor Trabue and Col. Chadman attended to business in Arcadia, Saturday.

Dr. Blitch, state prison inspector, arrived here Saturday and went over to McCall to inspect the convict camp there.

Mrs. M. Staley came up from Fort Myers, Friday, and spent several days here visiting Mrs. D. N. McQueen and other friends.

Now that all danger of frost is practically over, it is safe to predict an unusually big crop of mangoes, other fruits and vegetables.

S. Tezzie Buchanan, a former popular citizen of this place, was here from Saturday till Sunday morning, renewing old acquaintances.

Born, Thursday night, 6th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Steve M. Kirton, a son; Friday night, 7th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Emmett McEver, a daughter.

Mrs. Daniel Bass of Dublin, Ga., is paying a short visit to her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Walters. Her husband is one of the noted Bass family of Kissimmee.

J. D. DeSmidt, a representative of the Bureau of Fisheries, Washington, D. C., arrived here last week for an indefinite sojourn on official business.

Our farmers are notified that the time for ordering nitrate of soda has been extended to Feb. 15. Make your application to R. C. Blount or J. M. Weeks.

Capt. C. E. Bearce came up from Captiva and spent last Thursday night here. His stay was so short that but few of his many friends had the pleasure of meeting him.

That valued friend and all-around farmer, J. J. Haslett, has the thanks of The Herald family for a big mess of turnip greens, presented last week. Boiled with smoked bacon, they were greatly relished by all of us.

Punta Gorda is entertaining more winter visitors this season than ever before. They have occupied every available cottage and room in town, save a few rooms in Hotel Punta Gorda which Manager Payne is reserving for emergencies.

Mrs. Sadie B. Farrington of Avon Park, accompanied by her friend, Mrs. Anderson of Pittsburgh, Pa., arrived here Saturday and remained till Sunday afternoon, visiting her mother, Mrs. Rogers, and her sister, Mrs. A. F. Dewey. George Dewey took her home in his father's car.

Hon. F. M. Coper went to Tampa, Friday, to attend the funeral of H. L. Knight, president of the famous Knight & Wall Hardware Co., who was buried that day. His death resulted from pneumonia following influenza and is deeply deplored by thousands of friends in this section of the state. Mr. Knight was one of the foremost business men of Tampa and one of the best, most progressive and valuable citizens of Florida.

T. B. Patterson, a leading business man of Mount Vernon, Ohio, who is spending the winter here, bought of Mrs. Virginia Trabue last week the latter's concrete cottage on Cross street, one block from the bay, and will add improvements to it and make it his winter home. The lot on which the cottage is situated fronts about sixty feet on Cross street and runs back three hundred feet to Harvey street. It is very valuable property and we understand was obtained at a bargain price.

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F. B. Pitt, who is building houses near Fort Myers for the Ocean Leather Co. of New York, came home Saturday evening and spent Sunday here visiting Mrs. Pitt.

Dr. Witmer of Bradentown, state veterinary inspector, was here on official business, Friday.

Mrs. Grace Davis is having the pleasure of entertaining two of her northern friends, Mrs. George E. Barnard and Miss Rhoda Barnard, who arrived from Conotoocook, N. H., last week.

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